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1) Training workshops

We are pleased to offer a number of workshops at various locations across southern Ontario. In this newsletter, we have included only the title of the individual workshops and the workshop dates. More information about each of the workshops, as well as a registration form, is posted on the SOLS web site. Registration for these workshops will open on Monday, February 16, 2004.

This season's selections include:

- **Workshop No.1: "Using books to build community"**

Tuesday, April 6, 2004 from 12:30 pm to 4 pm - Ajax Public Library (Main Library)
Tuesday, April 13, 2004 from 12:30 pm to 4 pm - Brampton Public Library (Four Corners Branch)

Tuesday, April 20, 2004 from 12:30 pm to 4 pm - Barrie Public Library

- **Workshop No. 2: "Developing communication strategies to raise the library's profile in your community"**

Wednesday, April 7, 2004 from 1 pm to 4 pm - Brampton Public Library (Four Corners Branch)

- **Workshop No. 3: "Part 2 - Playing the Match Game: Readers' Advisory"**

Note: This is the same workshop that was presented in Hamilton and Hanover in Oct/03

Monday, May 17, 2004 from 10 am to 4 pm - Innisfil Public Library (Lakeshore Branch)
Thursday, May 20, 2004 from 10 am to 4 pm - Kingston Frontenac Public Library (Isabel Turner Branch)

- **Workshop No. 4: "Getting Started with Graphic Novels"**

Tuesday, May 18, 2004 from 1 pm to 4 pm - Kitchener Public Library (Main Library - The Hamblin Room)
Thursday, May 20, 2004 from 1 pm to 4 pm - Aurora Public Library (The Lebovic Room)

- **Workshop No. 5: "The best customer service = The best library service"**

Wednesday, May 12, 2004 from 10 am to 4 pm - Centre Hastings Public Library
Monday, May 17, 2004 from 10 am to 4 pm - Augusta Township Public Library
Thursday, May 27, 2004 from 10 am to 4 pm - Pembroke Public Library

- **Workshop No. 6: "Launching your own Philosophers' Café"**

Wednesday, May 26, 2004 from 1 pm to 4 pm - Markham Public Library (Unionville Branch)
Monday, May 31, 2004, from 1 pm to 4 pm - St. Mary's Public Library

In addition to the workshops listed, we are also planning to offer one other workshop - in French. The French workshop will be the third and final in the series presented in 2003 – "Toup'tilitou – bloc 3". This will be offered in May or June in the Ottawa area.

Please note: Due to the closure of the Ottawa office, the telephone number for training information has changed to 1-613-260-2695 or 1-800-387-5765, extension 5166. The mailing address for the training registrations has been changed to: P.O. Box 39030, R.P.O. Billings Bridge, Ottawa, ON K1H 1A1. However, the e-mail address for training registrations remains the same - training@sols.org

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2) VDX User Group Meetings

On February 4, 2004, SOLS VDX Users were notified of the upcoming VDX User Group meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to prepare libraries for the transition to the new version of VDX in April 2004. VDX User Group meetings will be held in March at the following locations: Kitchener, St. Thomas, Barrie, Pickering, Ottawa, Belleville, and Hamilton. At the meetings, information will also be provided on the VDX patron-initiated and branch-initiated functionality, as well as on ILL procedural changes for requesting items beyond INFO. If VDX users have an item for the agenda, please contact Jill Pangborne at 1-877-532-2974 or by e-mail to jpangborne@sols.org

Location and **Session Date(s)**

Thursday, March 4, 2004 - Kitchener Public Library
Friday, March 5, 2004 - St.Thomas Public Library
Monday, March 8, 2004 - Barrie Public Library
Tuesday, March 9, 2004 - Barrie Public Library
Friday, March 12, 2004 - Pickering Public Library
Thursday, March 18, 2004 - Ottawa (Orleans)
Friday, March 19, 2004 - Ottawa (Orleans)
Monday, March 22, 2004 - Belleville Public Library
Tuesday, March 23, 2004 - Belleville Public Library
Tuesday March 30, 2004 - Hamilton Public Library

More information about the user group meetings is posted on the SOLS Web site. There is a link from the main INFO page at http://www sols.org/resourcesharing/INFO/index.htm to the information page and online registration form. The direct link to the registration information and form is http://www.sols.org/info/VDXUserGroups/

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3) Trustee Orientation Workshops

The Southern Ontario Library Service and the Ontario Library Boards Association (OLBA) are planning to hold a series of regional Board Orientation workshops. These workshops will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2004 or Saturday, May 15, 2004, depending on the area. The orientation workshops will be held in the following areas: Smiths Falls, Peterborough, Brampton, London and North Bay/Parry Sound.

More information on these workshops will be provided in the next regular edition of **Signal**.

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4) Library Committees

SOLS provides an opportunity for library staff members to meet and discuss issues of common interest. Committee meetings of area libraries are held three times a year, and often involve a special clinic on a particular area of interest. Information about the meetings, including an agenda for each meeting, is posted on the SOLS Web site at http://www.sols.org/librarydev/networking/librarycommittee/index.htm . The next round of meetings will be as follows:

Monday, February 23, 2004- Lanark - Carleton Place Public Library
Monday, February 23, 2004- Peterborough - Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Public Library, Bridgenorth Branch (new branch location)
Wednesday, February 25, 2004 - Leeds & Grenville - Rideau Lakes Public Library, Elgin Branch
Wednesday, February 25, 2004 - Simcoe & Muskoka - Tay Twp. Public Library, Port McNicoll Branch
Monday, March 1, 2004 - Tri-County - Stirling-Rawdon Public Library
Monday, March 1, 2004 - Saugeen – Grand Valley Public Library (new location)
Thursday, March 4, 2004 - Renfrew - Arnprior Public Library
Monday, March 8, 2004 - Escarpment - Brant County Public Library
Lundi, 29 mars 2004 – Prescott-Russell - Bibliothèque publique due Clarence-Rockland

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5) Trustee Councils

The purpose of the SOLS Trustee Councils is to provide:
- A communication link between SOLS and boards regarding SOLS' services

- A forum for sharing information
- An opportunity to hear how other boards deal with similar issues
- Suggestions and support for trustee training
- To elect members to the SOLS' board according to the terms established in the by-laws

Trustee Councils meet twice a year in eight locations and all public library boards may send a representative. While all appointed trustee council representatives will receive a print mailing of the agenda, the dates of the upcoming meetings have been included below for your information. You may wish to share this information at the next library board meeting. Further information will be posted shortly at http://www.sols.org/librarydev/networking/trusteecouncils/index.htm

Saturday, April 24, 2004 - TC 1 - Huron County Library (Goderich Branch), 10 am to 1 pm
Saturday, April 24, 2004 - TC 6 - Belleville Public Library, 10 am to 1 pm
Monday, April 26, 2004 - Escarpment TC - Burlington Central Library, Seminar Room, 6 pm to 9 pm
Monday, April 26, 2004 - TC 3 - Hanover Public Library, 6 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, May 1, 2004 - TC 8 - Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry County Library (Winchester Branch), noon to 3:30 pm
Saturday, May 1, 2004 - TC 5 - Ajax Public Library, 10 am to 1 pm.
Wednesday, May 5, 2004 - TC 7 - Bonnechere Union Library (Eganville), 6 pm to 9 pm.
Thursday, May 6, 2004 - TC 4 - Gravenhurst Public Library, 6 pm to 9 pm

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